

...encouraging one another; and all the more as you see the day drawing near (Heb:10:25, NASB).

# In Step With The Reeds

July 2020

CAREWORN CONFUSED CYNICAL  
Or....  
CALM CONFIDENT COMFORTED

Your choice.... depending on what you are focused on.....the news or Jesus!

CONTROL seems to be the word bandied about this year. In it all, our real hope, consolation and anchor to our souls is to know that our GREAT GOD remains in control! He is using every circumstance to fulfill His purposes in this world and in His children!

We have all felt the affects of the restrictions placed on us due to COVID-19, but ours pale against those being imposed around the world where our ACTION family serves. Today there are those still under Martial Law. The news is being censored and people are allowed out but once every two weeks! There are still countries not allowing families out of their homes, except for one person to go to for groceries or to the bank. Another country did not allow children to play outside in their own back yards for over two months! Yet another allowed men out one day and the women out another to do shopping but had to be back within two hours. Even as these restrictions ease, one of our co-workers said she had her temperature taken 6 times before she came home from a shopping trip.



As you can imagine, it is the very poor who suffer most from the economic shutdown that every country has imposed. The majority work day-labor jobs and live hand to mouth. Without transportation and being allowed to work, they are without means to feed themselves or their family. Some governments said they would provide for them, but in the remote areas where many of our co-workers are, no provisions are made. In another country, the government brought relief to the slums in the form of 2kg. of rice and 2 cans of sardines per family to last for 2 weeks! Throughout the world, ACTION workers have been given government permission to provide food and supplies to these poor



We're still here!!! 😊



Lining up for food.



communities. Through the generous donations to the ACTION Relief Fund, (<https://www.actioninternational.org/where-needed-most-detail/covid19>), the hungry and hopeless are being fed in body and soul in Jesus' name!

**So, you see, God has not been restricted in the least!!**

- **HIS LOVE** is still being displayed in the generous outpouring of food and supplies and counseling to the most needy and desperate!
- **HIS CALL** is still going out to His people. We participated in a Zoom Orientation welcoming in five new pastors to the ACTION family for support and encouragement as they reach out to their countries of Bangladesh and Pakistan!
- **HIS WORD** is being taught around the world through on-line preaching! Georgie even got to teach a Bible Study to a youth group in Pakistan through Zoom!
- **HIS ENCOURAGEMENT** is still being poured out! Although we have been "grounded," the ministry of encouragement has continued with many Skype, Zoom and WhatsApp calls!
- **HIS TRANSFORMING WORK OF SALVATION** is happening all over our world! Just last week, a young man at the company John chaplains for, opened his heart to Jesus at an "after-work" Bible Study! And we hear of thousands from everywhere responding to the Lord from on-line preaching!
- **OUR PRAYERS** are not restricted.... actually, more than ever, God is challenging us to move to the "front-lines" of the spiritual warfare waging around us...on our knees! May your prayers be fervent, full of thanksgiving and worship!

All of us are well as a family! We are looking forward to hosting a missionary from Nepal in August and a couple back from the Philippines in September. Then, as God allows, we hope to be up in the Seattle area mid September for a new worker orientation at ACTION USA office, and a sibling reunion on both sides! Everything is being held "loosely" as we know, "we make our plans, but God directs our steps." (Prov. 16:9)

**Calm, Confident and Comforted!**

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